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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE SITUATION UPDATE, AUGUST 6

REF: PEKING 1517, PEKING 1516

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER NOTIFICATIONS FROM MFA SINCE THE ONE ON AUGUST 4 (PEKING 1505). ONE EMBASSY'S INQUIRY ON AUGUST 6 DREW STATEMENT THAT MFA HAD NO NEW INFORMATION BUT WOULD PROMPTLY PASS ALONG ANY THAT IT RECEIVED.
 2. JAPANESE EMBASSY ADVISES THAT MATSUSHIRO SEISMOLOGICAL STATION IN CENTRAL JAPAN HAS NOT DETECTED ANY TREMORS FROM THE QUAKE AREA AFTER AUGUST 1, AND THAT THIS INDICATES INTENSITY OF TREMORS DROPPED AT AN UNUSUALLY FAST RATE.
 3. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SHELTERS HAS JUST ABOUT STOPPED, AND IN LAST TWO DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FEWER PEOPLE IN THE SHELTERS. IT APPEARS THAT MOST OF THE WORK FORCE IS NOW BACK AT WORK, AND ALSO THAT PEOPLE ARE SPENDING MORE TIME IN THEIR HOUSES AND APARTMENTS. WE'VE HEARD OF A FEW WHO ARE ONCE AGAIN SLEEPING INDOORS. BUT CERTAINLY MOST OF THE POPULACE CONTINUES TO CAMP OUT, AND SERVICES FOR THIS LIFESTYLE
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(INCLUDING LOUDSPEAKER TRUCKS PURVEYING HEALTH HINTS AND "THE

NEWS") ARE BY NOW HIGHLY ORGANIZED.

4. THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICES BUREAU HAS BEGUN SURVEYING THE
CONDITION OF APARTMENTS, BUT WITHOUT INDICATING WHEN IT MIGHT
START APPROVING MOVES BACK INTO THEM. THE EDUCATION
MINISTRY, MEANWHILE, HAS INFORMED ONE EMBASSY THAT CARRY-
OVER FOREIGN STUDENTS (THOSE ALREADY IN CHINA WHO ARE TO
REMAIN IN PEKING FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR) MAY REOCCUPY
THEIR DORMITORIES STARTING AUGUST 15.
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